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October 21, 2002

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, HOLLY FIELD,
DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create four (4) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, such units being shown on attached plats and being designated CV RA SUV, CV RA SUW, CV RA SUX and CV RA SUY.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Applicant as Operator of the proposed additional units.
4. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Young 8 No. 1 Well and Young 8 No. 2 Well at the locations shown on an attached plat as the unit well and alternate unit well, respectively, for CV RA SUW, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E, effective August 1, 1975.
5. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Young 9 No. 1 Well, at the location shown on an attached plat, as an alternate unit well for CV RA SUX, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E, effective August 1, 1975.
6. To find that designation and use of alternate unit wells for CV RA SUW and CV RA SUX is necessary and in the interest of conservation in order to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, underlying these proposed units that cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well.
7. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E, effective August 1, 1975, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 88-E series of Orders, to the proposed additional units.

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8. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E, effective August 1, 1975.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

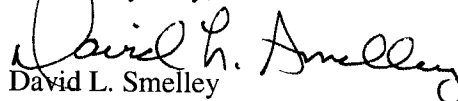
By letter dated October 7, 2002, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set October 30, 2002, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the pre-application conference was received; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the two (2) unit plats (which are identical to the unit plats attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Holly Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

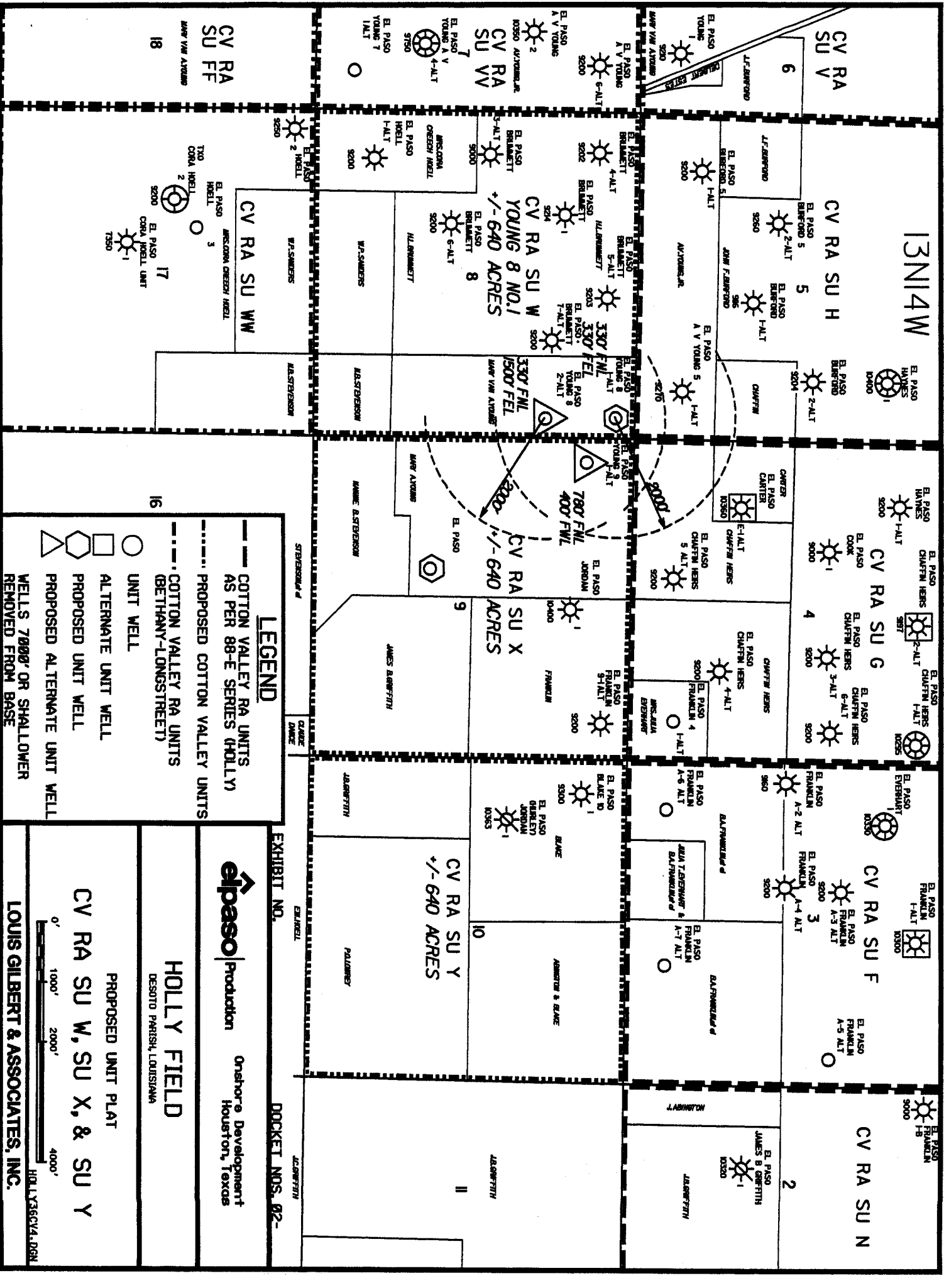
Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley
-- Attorney for El Paso Production Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encl.)
Mr. Paul Eschete (w/encl.)
Mr. Julian Chahin (w/encl.)
Ms. Shirley Galik (w/encl.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encl.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plats only)



13N14W

CV RA
SU V

CV RA SU H

CV RA SU F

CV RA SU N

CV RA SU W
YOUNG 8 NO.1
+/- 640 ACRES

CV RA SU X
+/- 640 ACRES

CV RA SU Y
+/- 640 ACRES

CV RA SU WW

CV RA
SU FF

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LEGEND

- COTTON VALLEY RA UNITS
AS PER 88-E SERIES (HOLLY)
- PROPOSED COTTON VALLEY UNITS
(BETHANY-LONGSTREET)
- UNIT WELL
- ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- ◇ PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- WELLS 7000' OR SHALLOWER
REMOVED FROM BASE

EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NOS. 02-

el paso production

Onshore Development
Houston, Texas

HOLLY FIELD

DESOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT PLAT

CV RA SU W, SU X, & SU Y

0' 1000' 2000' 4000'

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

